1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maharashtra	473	4872.99	363	5754.87	448	19121.37
Manipur	15	89.93	14	111.59	36	227.23
Meghalaya	6	51.36	6	52.59	16	222.58
Mizoram	5	55.75	1	5.85	4	94.04
Nagaland	5	36.16	1	4.20	5	61.62
Orissa	42	780.24	35	345.71	35	1208.29
Pondicherry	18	551.48	17	226.57	13	167.15
Punjab	69	811.72	54	614.79	59	1536.22
Rajasthan	48	626.90	48	669.15	97	1396.51
Sikkim	1	5.00	2	37.38	2	9.50
Tamil Nadu	234	4306.52	289	4805.56	372	11641.28
Tripura	5	111.50	4	32.24	14	37.57
Uttar Pradesh	338	3528.64	314	6267.24	337	11103.97
Uttarakhand	99	1631.55	113	1479.64	117	4186.64
West Bengal	250	4095.77	253	5981.22	340	9341.68
TOTAL:	2743	44762.06	2749	57050.00	3569	116380.14

Steps to revive handicrafts

2627. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to revive those handicrafts which were vanished due to loss of interests by the crafts persons owing to poor return;

(b) if so, the steps taken during each of the last three years and the achievements made thereon;

(c) The amount allocated and spent for revival of such handicrafts during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in near future in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No instance about handicrafts that have vanished due to lack of interest by the crafts persons owing to poor returns has been brought to the notice of Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) It is proposed to commission a diagnostic study through a professional Institution to identify crafts which are languishing so as to prevent these crafts from vanishing.

Steps to promote handloom sector in A.P.

2628. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to promote the handloom sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the district-wise details of Central assistance given for helping the weaver's community during the last three years in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Ministry has any proposal or any special scheme for helping the weavers in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Government of India is following a policy of promoting and encouraging the handloom industry in the country, including the State of Andhra Pradesh through number of programmes and schemes to increase the production, productivity and efficiency and enhance the income and socio-economic status of weavers by upgrading their skills, supply of inputs, providing infrastructure, marketing support etc.

(b) The central assistance is released to State Governments on receipt of viable proposals. District-wise details of central assistance released is maintained by the State Government concerned. However, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been released Rs. 1411.99 lakh. Rs. 1332.91 lakh, and Rs. 2472.06 lakh under various scheme during 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08 respectively.

(c) to (e) Government of India has been implementing various handloom schemes which are equally applicable to all States, including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Awarding research contracts

2629. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry awards research contracts to Consultants, NGOs Academic and Research Organizations etc.;

(b) if so, the list of the research contracts with name of the organizations awarded research contracts in the last three years and their progress;

(c) whether research contracts are posted on the website of the Ministry, if not, reasons therefor;

(d) the details of internal process in deciding the topics of these contracts;

(e) whether research contracts were awarded through a competitive bidding process;

(f) if so, the criteria adopted for the competitive bidding process; and

(g) if not, what is the sanctity of the award process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Textiles sanctions research projects under plan schemes such as Export Promotion Studies, Research and Development Schemes for Handicrafts, Design and Development of Jute Diversified Products and Research and Development, Training and Initiatives of Sericulture etc. to various reputed institutions.

(b) A Statement showing the list of the research projects sanctioned during the last three years is attached herewith (*See* below).